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U. S. Protest Expected In Tourists' Detention

The United States is expected to protest to Russia against the detention of two Americans traveling as tourists who were held incommunicado by Soviet authorities for seven weeks.

The State Department appeared to be proceeding cautiously in the case, however. Officials said they wanted to get a full report from Harvey C. Bennett and Mark L. Kaminsky before taking action.

The two men may be brought to Washington for a discussion of their experience, State Department officials said.

The Soviet Foreign Office told the United States Embassy in Moscow yesterday that Mr. Bennett of Bath, Me., and Mr. Kaminsky, from Cass County, Mich., had been expelled from the Soviet Union.

Ousted at Border

The two men were ousted at the Soviet-Czechoslovak border town of Uzhgorod. The American Embassy at Vienna said the men were expected in Vienna today.

The Soviet report to the Embassy conceded that Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kaminsky had been detained since August 25. They were held, the Foreign Of-

fice said, because they went on their assigned route as they approached the Soviet border. They were accused, the State Department said, of having "penetrated a significant distance into a forbidden border zone."

The Russians charged that films and notebooks were taken from Mr. Kaminsky which showed he had been gathering information on military objectives.

Therefore, the Soviet report to the Embassy said, Mr. Kaminsky was accused of violating Article II of the law on state crimes—understood to be a law against espionage under which U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers was convicted.

Mr. Kaminsky was turned over to a court and then expelled, along with Mr. Bennett, from the Soviet Union. It was not clear from the statement whether he had been tried by the court or whether his expulsion was ordered merely after investigation.

Mr. Bennett, a student, and Mr. Kaminsky, a Russian language teacher at the Ann Arbor (Mich.) High School, had

gone into the Soviet Union July 27, traveling in a rented car. Mr. Kaminsky was slated to become an instructor at Purdue University this fall.

The State Department said they registered at the United States Embassy in Moscow and were warned about "things to be careful of," presumably including any acts which might be construed as espionage. The Soviets carried on a campaign of espionage charges against United States visitors this summer.

The department made a series of inquiries of Soviet authorities which produced no substantial information on the men until yesterday. Press Officer Joseph Reap said that according to normal diplomatic procedure the United States should have been notified promptly that the two were detained and should have been permitted to assist them.

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